The Government has notified seven districts under the AEZ with special emphasis on the above mentioned high value species, under Phase 1 of the program. Uttaranchal infrastructure Development Company Ltd. is the nodal agency for implementing this project along with Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA). The total investment envisaged in this project was Rs. 18.81 crores with private sector participation to the extent of Rs. 9.05 crores. The share of the Central Govt. was envisaged to be Rs. 5.53 crores. The total export turnover envisaged over five years was estimated to be Rs. 70.64 crores. (Source APEDA Web site).

Investment in Industrial Units

2258. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial units in the country as on the 31st March 2003 and investments made in them;

(b) the number of sick industrial units in the country;

(c) the number of employees working in these sick units; and

(d) the investment made in these sick units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The number of non-SSI units set up during the period August 1991 to March 2003 in terms of Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda implemented and Industrial Licences issued is 6317 with an investment of Rs. 213598 crore. In addition, 27,31,172 units with fixed investment of Rs. 67,031.88 crore are registered as SSI units as on 31.3.2002.

(b) The number of sick industrial units registered with the Board for industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), as on 31.3.2003, is 4468.

(c) The number of workers involved in these sick units is 22,67,542.

(d) The total net worth of these sick units is Rs. 49,43,161.80 lakh.